

Sec. 10-3. Licenses and permits.

(b) *Kennel licenses.*

(1) *Definition.* For the purposes of this subsection (b), the term "kennel" means a permanent shelter for more than three dogs that are more than six months of age, except shelters for which a pet fancier permit is issued under subsection (c) of this section.

(2) *Required.* Any person who provides permanent shelter for more than three dogs that are more than six months of age shall be required to obtain a kennel license unless such person has a pet fancier permit under subsection (c) of this section.

(3) *Exemption.* The county's animal control facility is covered under a separate contract and is exempt from the requirements of this subsection (b).

(4) *Restrictions.* No kennel license shall be issued to any person for any residentially zoned lot, except persons currently holding a kennel license, provided that all of the other provisions of this chapter are complied with. Every dog kennel shall be located and operated at least 200 feet from the nearest inhabited dwelling, exclusive of the dwelling of the person operating such dog kennel. Dog kennels existing on the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived, which are not located and operated at least 200 feet from any such dwelling, may remain in existence, but shall not be improved or extended in violation of the provisions of this section. (See zoning restrictions set forth in section 90-311(d) and 90-671(d).)

(5) *Public hearing for new licenses.* A public hearing for a new license shall be held by the licensing committee of the village board to ensure that the issuance of the license is not contrary to the public's health, safety or welfare.

(6) Issuance of new licenses.

- a. After a public hearing, upon recommendation by the licensing committee and payment of the appropriate fee, the village board may approve the issuance of a kennel license.
- b. Upon presentation of evidence to the clerk-treasurer that all dogs over six months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the clerk-treasurer shall issue the kennel license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept in the kennel.
- c. Any such license shall be subject to compliance with sections 10-10 and 10-25 of this chapter and section 22-112 of the county zoning code.

(7) Renewal.

- a. The renewal application for each kennel license must be reviewed and approved by the licensing committee. Upon recommendation by the licensing committee and payment of the proper fee, the renewal license may be issued.
- b. Any such license shall be subject to compliance with sections 10-16 and 10-25 of this chapter and section 22-112 of the county zoning code.

(8) Fees. Applicants for any kennel license covering up to 12 dogs shall pay an annual fee as set by the village board. An additional fee as set by the village board shall be charged for each dog in excess of 12.

(9) Revocation. In the event of a complaint regarding a current kennel license, the licensing committee may discuss the complaint at a public hearing and take appropriate action, up to, and including, revocation.

(10) Tags required. The owner or keeper of a kennel shall at all times keep a kennel license tag attached to the collar of each dog over six months of age, except during competition or training.

(11) *Transfer of tags.* Tags may be transferred from one dog to another within the kennel whenever any dog is removed from the kennel; however, the rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall at all times remain attached to the dog for which it is issued, except on a show dog during competition or training.

(12) *Strays and taking outside kennel limits.* No dog bearing a kennel tag shall be permitted to stray or be taken any place outside the limits of the kennel unless the dog is on a leash or on a temporary basis for the purpose of hunting, breeding, trials, training or competition.

(13) *Fenced in areas.* Kennel owners shall provide adequate housing and care for the animals, including a fenced in run area sufficient to accommodate the number of dogs in the kennel. (See section 10-16.)

State Law References: Similar provisions, Wis. Stats. § 174.053.

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